



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEAVES SWIMMERS UPSTREAM**

### *Supervisors release statement on indoor pool closures*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisors Johnny L. Thomas, Marina Dimitrijevic and John F. Weishan, Jr., released the following joint statement in response to the County Executive's decision to close two indoor Milwaukee County pools:

"Scott Walker's knee-jerk reaction to cut County services without putting any thought into the impact of these cuts is deplorable. In this case, he is closing the Pulaski and Noyes indoor pools until Labor Day. This decision adversely affects a number of County residents, including senior citizens and children who use these pools for swimming lessons. Many of these individuals found out about the closures when they tried to attend their daily swim lessons, only to see a closed sign posted on the door.

"While the County may see a slight reduction in operating expenses at these pools, revenues will also be lost when they are not in use. Even worse, some of the affected users may not return after Labor Day, resulting in even more depressed revenues over the long term.

"The County Executive is leaving swimmers of all ages upstream. On another aquatic note, the County Executive has decided to start taxing toddlers, too. They will now have to pay \$1 to use wading pools, rather than enjoy them at no charge. This is a 100% increase on our toddlers and their families."

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